WHAT IS A YOUTH COUNCIL?

As an Alaska Native youth, you can make a difference!
But first you must be organized and prepared for action.
An effective way to accomplish this is through a youth council.

The youth council represents a practical way of enabling youth to have a meaningful role in helping solve community problems. Types of youth councils include:

» Tribal Youth Councils  » Alaska Native Village Youth Councils
» High School Native Youth Clubs   » An Independent Youth Group

Keep in mind that youth councils are just as diverse as Native America itself. Each youth council maintains its own identity and is built upon the needs and values of that particular community.

By being involved with a youth council, young Native Americans can use their combined talents and energy to address major concerns facing them today. Youth design and promote their own programs to fit their needs.

Young people who are involved with youth councils learn to accept responsibility. They grow through achievement and in the knowledge that they are making a real contribution to their community and to Native America.

Participants:  KPBSD Native Students in 10th & 11th Grade
Responsibilities:  Attend 3-4 Youth Council Meetings during the school year
Participate in monthly teleconferences
Participate in monthly BLOGS

Requirements:  Complete Application First Round:  October 7, 2010
Parent Permission
School Principal, Counselor or Teacher recommendation
Enrolled in KPBSD & maintain a 2.0 GPA

Focus:  Leadership Opportunities & Career Awareness
Opportunities:  Travel to & Participate in Native Youth Council Meetings
Attend State Conferences
Get to know other students in the KPBSD & the state
Be involved in leadership activities and career possibilities

If you are interested in working with others, building strong and lasting friendships, gaining greater self-esteem and self-confidence, developing communication, leadership and organizational skills, contact your school counselor or go to http://www.kpbsd.k12.ak.us/departments.aspx?id=154
Program Links / Native Youth Council Application for an application!
Name: ___________________________ Grade: ________
School: __________________________ GPA: _______
Tribal Affiliation: ___________________

Upon completion of this application with your explanation and all necessary signatures, please return to your
school secretary/counselor. Please send applications to Teresa Kiffmeyer at District Office.

Briefly explain why you would like to be a member of the KPBSD Native Youth Leadership Council.
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Principal/Counselor/Teacher Signature: ________________________________________________

Recommendation form found at http://www.kpbsd.k12.ak.us/departments.aspx?id=154
Program Links / NYC Letter of Recommendation